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A supplement will be published shortly covering Changes and Amendments to the Supplemental.

S. 1029 -- To clarify the authority of the Department of Housing and Urban Development with respect to the use of fees during fiscal year 2001 for the manufactured housing program.

Order of Business: The bill will be considered under suspension of the rules on Wednesday, June 20.

Summary: HUD charges manufacturers fees for the cost of inspecting manufactured homes. In December of last year, Congress passed the American Homeownership and Economic Opportunity Act (H.R. 5640), which included a section dealing with these fees. Prior to this bill, HUD could spend these funds as needed. However, to maintain better oversight of the program, the new law made the spending of the fees subject to appropriations. Under Sec. 620 (e)(2) fees collected could be spent "only to the extent approved in advance in an annual appropriations Act." Because this bill passed *after* the FY01 VA-HUD appropriations bill passed, there is no advance approval for expenditure of this year's fees. HUD has therefore been collecting fees but has been unable to spend them.

S. 1029 will be a technical correction to allow the expenditure of fees collected since the VA-HUD appropriations bill passed last year. This correction only lasts until the effective date of the next VA-HUD appropriations bill (FY02), where expenditures for the Manufactured Housing Fees section may be pre-approved or not approved at all.

Note: By a voice vote on 12/5/2000, the House passed H.R. 5640, which included the fees provision being corrected by S. 1029.

NOTE: The Supplemental Appropriations Bill under consideration today also seeks to correct this problem by appropriating \$6 million out of collected fees for manufactured housing inspections.

Cost to Taxpayers: No CBO cost estimate is available for S. 1029. In a January 9, 2001 cost-estimate of H.R. 5640 (which by then was already public law), CBO estimated that before H.R. 5640 passed the manufactured housing fees would have been about \$13 million in FY01. Based on these projections, RSC estimates that S. 1029 will authorize HUD to spend up to approximately \$13 million in fees it has and will collect this fiscal year.

Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules: The bill is a technical correction that will allow HUD to spend money from the fees it has collected to offset expenses incurred under the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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H.Res. 124—Recognizing the importance of children in the United States and supporting the goals and ideas of American Youth Day. (Crenshaw)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered under a motion to suspend the rules on Wednesday, June 20th.

Summary: The resolution states that the House 1) recognizes the importance of youth to our nation's future, 2) supports the "goals and ideas" of American Youth Day, and 3) encourages Americans to participate in activities that seek to fulfill the five promises established by the group America's Promise—The Alliance for Youth.

America's Promise—The Alliance for Youth (www.americaspromise.org) is a nonprofit organization founded by Secretary of State Colin Powell to mobilize Americans to "build the character and competence of our nation's youth" by fulfilling the following five promises:

- 1) Ongoing relationships with caring adults—parents, mentors, tutors, or coaches
- 2) Safe places with structured activities during nonschool hours
- 3) A healthy start and future
- 4) Marketable skills through effective education
- 5) Opportunities to give back through community service

Though no specific date is proposed for American Youth Day, the resolution calls for it to be on "a Saturday near the beginning of the school year." American Youth Day would promote values that "foster trust and build better communication" and would encourage all adult family members to be physically and emotionally involved in the lives of their children.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution authorizes no expenditure.

Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules?: No.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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H.Res. 168—Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Nation’s schools should honor Native Americans for their contributions to American history, culture, and education. (Baca)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered under a motion to suspend the rules on Wednesday, June 20th.

Summary: The resolution calls upon schools to honor Native Americans for their contributions to American history, culture, and education. No details of how schools should honor Native Americans are given.

The resolution points out that Native Americans:

- Have given much to the United States
- Emphasize freedom, justice, patriotism, and representative government
- Have fought and died in foreign lands for America
- Honor the American flag at powwows and other gatherings and pay tribute to all servicemen and veterans through music and dance
- Love the American land that has been home to their ancestors
- Honor the Earth that has “brought life to the people since time immemorial.”

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution authorizes no expenditure.

Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules?: No.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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S.Con.Res. 41—Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Book Festival. (Stevens)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered under a motion to suspend the rules on Wednesday, June 20th.

Summary: The resolution would authorize the Library of Congress in cooperation with First Lady Laura Bush to sponsor the National Book Festival on the Capitol Grounds on September 8, 2001. The event will be open to the public at no charge, and all expenses and liabilities are the responsibility of the Library of Congress. The Architect of the Capitol and the Capitol Police are authorized to make any necessary arrangements in connection with this event. No description of the Festival is given.

Cost to Taxpayers: No new funds are authorized by this resolution.

Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules?: No.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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